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1. On the basis of conversations between DDR bankers and officials of the Ministry of Finance, source concludes that the DDR cannot at present be drawn into the Ruble Bloc for the following reasons:
 - a. The currency issued in the DDR exceeds too greatly the value of current production and a revaluation of the currency is considered politically unwise.
 - b. Because of the disparity between the open market prices and the controlled prices for rationed goods.

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